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See "Ann to DCI"

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy to the Director of Central Intelligence
for National Foreign Assessment

FROM : Presidential Briefing Coordinator

SUBJECT : Preparations for the 16 January Presidential
Briefing []

1. The current plan is for the DCI, DDCI and DD/NFA to participate in the 16 January Presidential briefing. The pre-briefing is now scheduled for 1500, Monday, 15 January. []

2. The current plan is to lead off with a short review of 1978 PDB coverage, then discuss "Future Issues" (more on this below) and close with a short report on Soviet military expenditures. Also briefings will be available on Albania and Yugoslavia in case time permits using them. []

3. I admit to being a little fuzzy on the "Future Issues" briefing so take my comments below with a grain of salt.

A. The general idea is to elicit the President's views. More concretely our preparations show that there are four possible objectives with respect to each area listed in paragraph B below.

- Find out if the President thinks about these areas the way we do
- Gain insight into the directions that US policy will take in order to sharpen our intelligence support
- Obtain intelligence information from the President based on his observations
- Inform the President about future dimensions of linkage between problems.

Presumably only one, or possibly two, objectives will be pursued with respect to each area listed below. []

B. The areas in which the DCI will solicit views are:

- Worldwide perceptions of growing Soviet military power
- SALT III
- Managing US alliances: economic relations
- Peoples Republic of China []

C. The art form for treating each subject is to have a brief exposition followed by a question like one of the following depending on what the objective is in that area.

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- Do you agree with this view?
- How might US policy unfold in this arena?
- What intelligence can you provide us based on your contacts with foreign leaders?

Hopefully this will be followed by a discussion. The massive collection of backup papers attached is intended to help you formulate your thoughts in preparations for such a discussion.

4. During the Monday pre-brief I recommend that you all agree on what objective you will pursue in each area and then refine the appropriate question in the attached sketch.



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Attachments